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Westside Salmon Announcement 30 Emergency Order 30 and 31

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding subsistence and commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside salmon announcement number 30 issued Saturday, July 7 at 9:00 a.m.

We have seen a significant movement of fish into the Nushagak River and are once again ahead of the minimum escapement curve for Nushagak sockeye salmon. The Wood River Special Harvest Area will close to commercial fishing this evening and reopen to subsistence fishing effective at 10:00 p.m. July 7.

The Igushik Section only set gillnet fishery will be extended for 26 hours until 1:00 a.m. July 9.

As previously announced, commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Igushik section will close at 11:00 a.m. July 7. Commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Nushagak and Igushik Sections will open for 6 hours from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. July 7 and from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. July 8.

As previously announced, commercial fishing with set gillnets in the WRSHA will close at 11:30 a.m. July 7. The WRSHA will remain closed to set gillnet fishing and further fishing will occur in the Nushagak Section of the Nushagak District. The Nushagak Section of the Nushagak District will open to commercial fishing with set gillnets for 18 hours from 4:30 p.m. July 7, until 10:30 a.m. July 8.

As previously announced, commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the WRSHA will close at 1:30 p.m. July 7 and reopen for 3 hours from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. July 7.

Daily sockeye salmon escapement into the Wood River was 30,246 and the count at 6:00 a.m. was 3,750, making the cumulative 434,094. Daily king salmon escapement into the Nushagak River was 3,092, making the cumulative 64,946. Daily sockeye salmon escapement into the Nushagak River was 67,529, making the cumulative 263,108. Cumulative Igushik River escapement through 6:00 a.m. is 64,656.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.